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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GROMYKO VISIT TO PARIS

1. QUAI HAS FINALLY CONFIRMED TO US THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO DUE TO ARRIVE PARIS 3 P.M. FEBRUARY 15 AND WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU LATER THAT AFTERNOON. HE WILL SEE FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT AT DINNER THAT SAME EVENING AND PROBABLY HAVE FURTHER TALKS WITH HIM OVER THE WEEKEND. HE WILL DEPART AT 10 A.M. FEBRUARY 18 FOR ROME.

2. COMMENT. QUAI OFFICIALS REMAIN TIGHT LIPPED ON SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED BY GROMYKO, BUT OBVIOUS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE FINALLY TO SET DATE FOR BREZHNEV-POMPIDOU SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL FRENCH SOURCES AND A NOTE IN LE MONDE FEBRUARY 12, IT IS SOVIET SIDE THAT HAS BEEN HOLDING BACK ON THIS. HOWEVER, SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TOLD US FEBRUARY 12 THAT IT IS FRENCH WHO HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET. WHEREVER THE TRUTH MAY LIE, THE ENTIRE MATTER HAS CLEARLY BECOME AN APPLE OF DISCORD, TESTIFYING TO THE CONTINUED STRAIN BETWEEN PARIS AND MOSCOW.

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